

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Page 11, please add the following new paragraph after the fifth full paragraph:

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Fig. 16 shows a plan view of a light pipe.

Page 25, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

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From this point of view, and with reference to Fig. 16, the inclination angle ξ in the direction of arrangement of the prismatic structures with respect to the reference plane of the incidence side surface, that is, in the direction of the ridgelines of the prismatic structures, is preferably set to be in a range of ± 30 degrees, especially in a range of ± 28 degrees, more especially in a range of ± 25 degrees. Incidentally, the symbol " \pm " means the direction of inclination with the incidence side surface as a reference. If the resolution of the liquid-crystal cell is low enough not to produce moire, or if moire is negligible, it is preferable that the direction of arrangement of the prismatic structures is as parallel with the incidence side surface as possible.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

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7. (Amended) A light pipe according to claim 1, wherein ridgelines defining edges of said optical path changing faces are inclined within a range of ± 30 degrees with respect to a reference plane of said incidence side surface.

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13. (Amended) A light pipe comprising: